

Egremont Board of Health
Thursday, February 25, 2021, 10:00 am
Zoom meeting

In Attendance: Charles Ogden, Dr. William Rose, Ellen Maggio

Recording: Juliette Haas, Director

- 1) Chairman Ogden called the meeting to order at 10:05 am and announced all members present. The minutes from the February 11, 2021 were adopted with modifications. (3-0).
- 2) **Straher/24 Lakeside Drive** Letter to property owner was sent via email, regular mail and return receipt mail. There have been no replies to this newest letter to date.
- 3) **Greenagers/April Hill CLuB Program** Staff members have submitted their HACCP food plan and food handlers certification. As soon as a passing water test is submitted a food permit will be issued for the CLuB program. Staff members were advised that if they hold a children's program in the summer they will need to be permitted as a Recreational Camp.
- 4) **COVID-19**
 - Total cases to date:** 13
 - Vaccination clinic registration:** Demand still outweighs supply of vaccine. Slots for recent Berkshire County clinics filled up quickly. The PrepMod registration portal has a new "waiting room" which is causing frustrations. Twitter bots are being used to take slots, many from people from the eastern part of the state. Egremont COA and BOH are working together in supplying weekly lists of 5 – 7 eligible Egremont residents to organizers of clinics for registration.
 - Reverse 911 call:** Mary Brazie and Director Haas recently sent message with information on vaccination registration.
 - Masks** Chairman Ogden introduced a KN95 mask distribution project. The BOH agreed to purchase 800 masks (\$375 from an existing grant and \$425 from the EBOH expense account). These masks will be packaged into packages of 4 masks and put outside town hall during regular business hours. One package per household on an honor system. Chairman Ogden will compose a script and Reverse 911 will be used to inform the community. The message will also be sent out to the town email list.
- 5) **Additional hours for EBOH Director** Due to the growing work demands facing the department Director Haas requested five additional hours per week overseeing BOH duties. While COVID is partially responsible for the additional work, the town's population growth is putting more demands on field work, office work, residential calls and follow-up. If funded Director Haas would extend her town hall time to include Fridays. Board members Rose and Maggio felt that based on the increased work requirements extra hours in the future should receive compensation. They will compose a letter to the Select Board with this request.
- 6) **March meeting schedule** March 11th and 25th at 11:00 am instead of 10:00 am. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Juliette Haas
Approved 3/11/2021